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Tenth, supporting all the Arab popular struggle movements in all Arab countries ruled by reactionary regimes and providing aid for this struggle.

All this calls for an immediate and urgent meeting of the Front of Steadfastness and Confrontation, including Iraq, in order to take the practical steps to confront the present stage.

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We are calling for this while realizing that the steadfastness and confrontation states, of which Iraq is a part, will shoulder the major and basic part of the confrontation.

We are fully confident that our Arab masses, under the leadership of their nationalist regimes and forces, are capable of confronting this blatant treason, resisting the new imperialist plan and continuing their struggle until the objective of the total liberation of the Palestinian soil is achieved.

NEW PALESTINIAN REVOLUTIONARY PARTY REPORTEDLY TO BE FORMED

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[Text] Baghdad--The establishment of a new Palestinian revolutionary party is expected to be announced by Naji 'Allush. The party's organizational elements will come from the Iraqi-based group that was under Abu Nidal's (Sabri al-Banna) leadership and which has been active in operations abroad.

It has been confirmed that Abu Nidal's group, known as the "Fatah movement--the true line, recently suffered from multiplicity of leadership in the wake of Abu Nidal's illness. The situation was described by some as a rift, but to put it more precisely it was a "democratic separation."

Following Abu Nidal's admission to Ar-Rashid military hospital 5 months ago after suffering an acute heart attack, he was compelled to relinquish his responsibilities temporarily and hand them over to a body headed by Naji 'Allush, who had moved from Lebanon. The body in question includes Abu Dawud, Abu Zaki, 'Umar Fahmi, Abu Hazim and 'Abd ar-Rahman 'Isa.

The group's leadership was effectively in the hands of Naji 'Allush, especially during Abu Nidal's absence for treatment in a European capital. Following his return from Europe, Sabri al-Banna was told by the committee that it was the legitimate decision-making body and that its decisions were binding on him as well. But at this point a difference of opinion occurred in the committee as a result of which two committee members stood with Abu Nidal while the rest supported 'Allush's stand, whose ultimate aim was to establish a new Palestinian revolutionary party. Under this new arrangement, Abu Nidal kept his headquarters in the premises of Fatah's office in Baghdad, and the training camp set up in one of the Iraqi provinces remained under his command. The rest of the members under 'Alush's leadership will operate in several fields abroad.

The Palestinian revolution sources believe that both Naji 'Allush and Abu Nidal enjoy Iraq's support, but it is understood that the PLO's official office will be headed by 'Abbas Zaki, the PLO's representative in Aden.